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SUBJECT: U.S. STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES
IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION

[¶1.](#) (U) This message includes an action request. See para 3.

[¶2.](#) (U) On Tuesday, January 26, 2010, Secretary Clinton appointed a new Special Representative for Global Intergovernmental Affairs, Reta Jo Lewis (S/SGIA), who will serve the needs of intergovernmental officials and the entities they represent. She is charged with coordinating among U.S. state and local governments as we collectively engage with foreign counterparts. She will work to build enhanced relationships between state and local officials in the U.S. and their foreign counterparts abroad; to promote effective local governance and local capacity building efforts; and to serve as the Secretary's principal advisor and point of entry for the global needs and goals of U.S. state and local government entities that engage in overseas activities.

Action Request

[¶3.](#) (U) Posts are requested to respond with information regarding which U.S. state or local governments have representative offices within their country, the issues they engage in, and the level and nature of the interactions between post these the state/local offices. Posts are asked to reply (both positive and negative responses) by Monday, February 8th. Replies may be sent via unclassified email to EAP/EP Ryan MacFarlane (MacFarlaneRC@state.gov). Front channel responses are not required.

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